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### WORK RESUMES TO REPAIR STATE ROUTE 2

**San Bernardino County** – Work resumes this week to continue repairs to the storm damaged section of State Route 2 from Vincent's Gap to Islip Saddle in the Angeles National Forest. The repairs first began in November 2005 but the onset of winter halted the work.

A ten-mile section of SR-2 was effected by severe winter storms in 2004/2005, which closed SR-2 in October 2004. Several avalanches and slides occurred during winter, which caused major road damage in seventeen locations. The repairs include rebuilding several slopes supporting sections of the roadway and placing engineering structures to support the road in three other locations. In addition, large quantities of rocks, debris and trees must be removed.

Additional damage to the route was sustained during winter 2006 with lower slope and road damage. The first order of work is to repair this section of the highway, which is located just west of Vincents Gap (the closed end closest to Wrightwood). Work will continue until winter 2006 and resume in the spring of 2007. Caltrans anticipates that the roadwork will be complete by summer 2007 unless there is more damage during winter 2006/07.

The original cost of the project was estimated at \$6.5 million. Caltrans is awaiting an additional estimate for the new damage. Funding was obtained through Caltrans District 7 in Los Angeles and Caltrans District 8 in San Bernardino will oversee the project.

Caltrans would like to advise the public that the closed section of SR-2 is not an open area for bicyclists or sightseeing since it is a work zone. The existing conditions are dangerous and Caltrans wants to reserve a safe work environment for the contractor and for public safety.

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